

The Crime Victim Compensation Commission helps victims with crime related costs. Funding sources include state appropriations, inmate wages, a federal grant, restitution and fees from convicted persons.

Who can get help?

- A victim who is injured because of physical contact with another person.
- A person who is responsible for the victim who has suffered monetary loss.
- A person who has paid funeral and burial expenses for a deceased victim.
- A Hawaii resident who is a victim of an act of terrorism.

What must I do get help?

- You must file an application with the Commission. The application must be received within 18 months of the crime date. If beyond the filing period, submit a reason for the late filing.
- You must report the crime to law enforcement officials without undue delay.
- You must cooperate with the Commission to provide information necessary to determine eligibility.
- You must cooperate with law enforcement in their investigation.
- You must file with Workers' Compensation, No Fault Insurance, Temporary Disability Insurance and your medical insurance carrier.

What is the process?

- The Commission will attempt to secure law enforcement and medical reports.
- You will receive a notification letter advising you of the potential payments.
- Documentation (bills, insurance statements, receipts) are necessary to substantiate your claim.
- A written decision will indicate who and what will be paid or explain the reasons for denial.
- The average processing time is one year.

What help may I receive?

- Cleaning of crime scene. (Up to \$500)
- Clothing taken as evidence. (Up to \$200)
- Loss of dependency. (Up to \$1,000 per dependent)
- Lost earnings due to crime related injuries. (Up to \$3,000)
- Funeral and burial expenses. (Up to \$4,000)
- Moving expenses. (Up to \$3,000)
- Nontraditional medicine. (Up to \$1,500)
- Replacement services. (Up to \$500)
- Replacement, repair of locks, installation of security systems. (Up to \$3,000)
- Self esteem classes. (Up to \$500)
- Crime related counseling for the victim by a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist or a person holding at least a master's degree in social work or counseling and guidance or victim counseling. (Up to \$5,000)
- Medical, including hospital, dental, rehabilitation, or nursing care needed for crime related injuries. (Up to \$10,000)

The Commission is the payer of last resort, therefore may pay only after all other sources have rejected or paid all eligible benefits. The Commission cannot pay for lost property, telephone bills, copying costs, meals, fees for late charges, filing fees, etc.